

## "The Merciful Hands" Fundraises Using Bitcoin, Other Methods For Jihadis In Syria, In English, German, Turkish, And Arabic

A jihadi Telegram channel called The Merciful Hands says it is "giving aid to those in need."<sup>175</sup> The channel lists a Bitcoin address and a WhatsApp number with a Turkish country code (+90 537 822 0931) for donations to fighters in Syria, but these numbers can be faked. The Merciful Hands solicits donations in English, German, Turkish, and Arabic. There are also posts in Russian. On March 28, 2018, The Merciful Hands was promoted by the pro-Al-Qaeda Telegram channel Ummah Chat Group. The Merciful Hands was created on March 20, 2018, and as of this writing has 1,212 members. There are photos on the channel of donors holding up the US dollars that they donate, as well as photos of the people in Syria who receive the donations.<sup>176</sup>



The channel's first post, which has since been deleted, described on March 20 the financial situation of four men in Syria. The post read: "I am writing this message today because I have seen the financial situation first hand of many *muhjireen* [immigrants, i.e., foreign fighters] and *ansar* [natives]. The situation is deteriorating everyday as you know the *mazoot* [fuel oil] 650 a liter a *jarrah* [container] gas is nearly 15,000 lyra to fill your *cazan* [tank] you have to pay for the tractor to come to your house so this increases the price of the water.

"So what I am proposing is to try to help some brothers I know first hand first we will start off with 5 brothers and later if this can work we will open this to more brothers, the money is an *Ammana* [responsibility] and we are scared of *yamal qiyamah* [Day of Judgement] the so the money wont be misappropriated. The brothers I wont list their names for security purpose and I don't want people know they are in need since they are such humble brothers...

"1. The first brother is a *muhjir murabit* [one who goes on guard duty] and goes to *ribat* [guard duty] when the call for jihad or ribat is made. This brother is married recently only 4 months he spent all his money on the *mahar* [dowry] and he needs to buy a bike to get him and his wife around. So if someone wants to donate a car, bike, or money please feel free to contact us.

"2. The second brother he is a *muhajir* [migrant i.e., foreign fighter] as well he is not married but is not part of any group because he is dealing with *sihr* [sorcery] so for him to go to the battlefield would only lower the

moral of the brotherse because of the fear the *jinn* [spirit] gives him. The brother barely has 2l lyra in his pocket at times and doesn't get help from his country or from any group.

"3. The third brother is also a mujjir and he works media only because he was injured and shot with a sniper bullet in his leg, but as he says when he is top shape he will return to the field also he is married with one child and a new baby on the way many time the brother can barely afford to pay for milk or diapers, at one time his wife mixed leban and water to try to give it to the baby and the baby ended up getting sick this is how dire their situation is..."

Asslam alaikum  
in islam

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akatu ya brothers and sister

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The channel posted a photo of a person holding a \$100 bill and notebook that read "Sadaqah Al-Khair, Merciful Hand Syria," also on March 20.



On March 21, a photo was shared showing a man holding a \$50 bill with a hand-written note: "The Merciful Hands from Sham to the Muslims of South Africa, we thank you for feeding us." The photo appears to show a recipient in Syria of a donation from South Africa.



On March 23, a post about two men was shared on the channel. The post read: "A sad story of foreigners forgotten in the land of Sham [Syria].

#### The Merciful Hands

Assalam alaikum wa rahmatulahi wa barakatuh

A Sad story of foreigners forgotten in the land of sham 🙏

1. A brother who is in the cause of Allah wife is sick they have a child and they are not getting any financial support for only 4 months they got \$30 the brother has sold all his equipment, his bike, his phone, pretty much everything worth of value take care of his family so please find it in your hearts to help this brother. Even though he is not getting any money he's still staying in the field.

Jazakallah Khair

2. The second brother is in a tough financial situation he's getting kicked out of his house with no place to go he doesn't have any electricity, and only uses a lighter for light he was recently married 3 months ago this brother tore his shoulder and has pain in his back from disk also nerve damage in a part of his body, but these injuries didn't deter the brother from being in the cause.

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these brother something so they can have some assistance."

It appears that the person who wrote this post intentionally avoided using the word "jihad" and instead used the phrase "the cause."

Another post from March 23 read: "There is a brother who is new to the field and has no money to purchase equipment vast [sic] something for protection when going to the fronts. So the brother is looking for donations. I have written this without using specific words but you know what I mean ;) so in sha Allah if there is anyone available to help please contact us so we can help get this brother to the field. One who finances someone in the field is like the one who is in the field himself. Don't worry about donations small or big everything counts and your reward is with Allah in sha Allah." The post is signed: "Suliman Al Hindi Telegram - +90 537 822 0931," which indicates that the person who wrote the post may be Indian.

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A post in the channel from March 26 discussed two converts to Islam who immigrated to Syria to join the jihad. The post read: "Another story of two mujahirin brothers. Both brothers used to be Christians and Alhumdulillah Allah guided them to Islam and after that guided them to make *hijrah* [immigration] for jihad. Both brothers are married with two kids and one is expecting his third and as their families are *kuffar* [unbelievers] obviously they do not help them at all. Both brothers were in debt with one brother recently selling most of his house stuff to pay off his debts but now they are both broke. So if there's anyone who can help them please contact us and may Allah reward you."

#### The Merciful Hands

Another story of two muhajirin brothers. Both brothers used to be Christians and Alhamdulillah Allah guided them to Islam and after that guided them to make hijrah for jihad. Both brothers are married with two kids and one is expecting his third and as their families are kuffar obviously they do not help them at all. Both brothers were in debt with one brother recently selling most of his house stuff to pay off his debts but now they are both broke. So if there's anyone who can help them please contact us and may Allah reward you.

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On December 6, 2018, the channel posted a new Bitcoin address 1FeocjAnzCY4BEB7pDotUAXFK9fv9774zf. The address shows no transactions.<sup>177</sup> It also gave the Telegram number +90 537 822 0931, the Whatsapp number +46 73 929 9885, and the Telegram admin @thefigtree.

So we appeal to you today to donate whatever you can where it be a euro a dollar 100 dollars whatever you can your effort is appreciated and should never be looked down as it is not enough.

To donate

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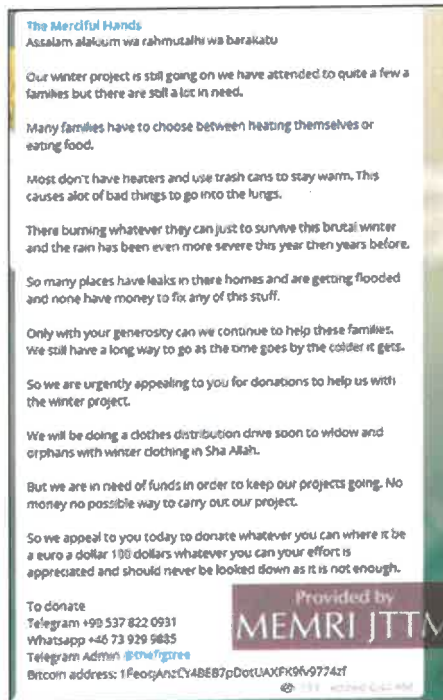
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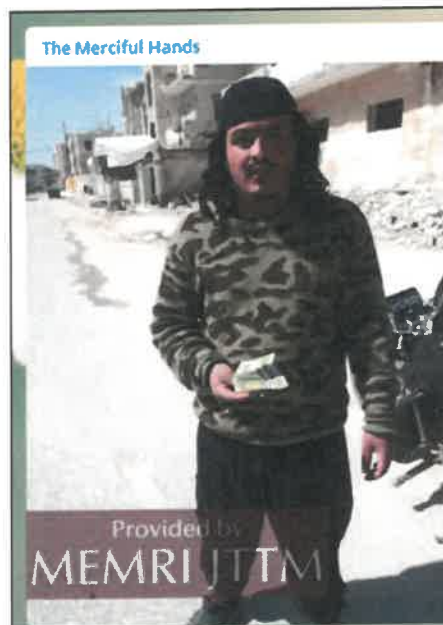
On December 7, 2018, the channel gave the same Telegram number and username, WhatsApp number, and Bitcoin address: "Our winter clothing distribution we our handing out clothes packs to widows and orphans to help keep them warm this winter. Due to your donations we were able start this project. Please continue to donate. Telegram +90 537 822 0931. Whatsapp +46 73 929 9885. Telegram Admin @thefigtree. Bitcoin address:1FeocjAnzCY4BEB7pDotUAXFK9fv9774zf."



On December 6, the channel posted an appeal for donations and gave the same Telegram, WhatsApp, and Bitcoin information.



The next day, the channel posted a photo of a man holding bills of an unknown currency.



On March 22, 2018, the channel wrote: "We as muhajireen [immigrants, i.e., foreign fighters] are trying to integrate into the society of the Syrian people by helping them with there needs." The message describes a toy drive the channel is organizing and gives the same information in German.

**The Merciful Hands**  
Assalam Alaloum wa rahmutalhi wa barakatu

Bismillah hirahmanirahm wa salatu salam alla rasulua ama bad

We as muhajireen are trying to integrate into the society of the synan people by helping them with there needs.

So we are starting a toy drive to build a bridge between the ansar and muhajireen so please to donate to our project to help these kids smile even its for one day after 7 years of war

So if you feel this is worthy to donate to please help us to help them.

Jazakallah Khair

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German (Almani)  
Assalam Alaloum wa rahmutalhi wa barakatu

Bismillah Hirahmanirahm wa Salatu Salam alla Rasulua ama bad

Wir als Muhajireen versuchen, uns in die Gesellschaft der Syrer zu integrieren, indem wir ihnen bei ihren Bedürfnissen helfen.

Also beginnen wir eine Spielzeug Verteilung, um eine Brücke zwischen den Ansar und Muhajireen zu bauen. Also bitte spendet für unser Projekt, damit diesen Kindern geholfen wird, um ihnen wenigstens für einen Tag nach 7 Jahren Krieg ein Lächeln zu schenken.

Bitte helft uns, ihnen zu helfen.

Jazakallah Khair

On March 25, the channel wrote: "A brother here has recently lost his phone and doesnt have any money to purchase one... There is also a second brother his phone got broken and not able to be fixed and just like the first brother he is in need of a phone. This brother is is injured so he runs a dawa program with over 2k followers and without the work is becoming difficult. right now these issues

are very important for the brothers to stay in contact with the field managers and there families... A brother who was working doing media for the sake of Allah had his laptop, mouse, external hard drive, and usb all stolen. So now we are trying to help these brothers get back on there feet since they dont have incomes. So it has incumbent on us to help them. so whatever donation you would like to make is appreciate from 5 dollars to 200 dollars Allah knows best your intention so help the brothers just for the sake of Allah. feel free to give a phone or laptop so we donate. to help the brothers or if you like you can make a donation and we can purchase the items ourselves and give to the brothers."

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Jazakallah khair!!!  
Brothers and Sisters.

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May Allah reward all you immensely for your help to these brothers.

March 26



An April 2 post describes a "muhajir" who needs supplies for his baby, and another who has not received his salary for two months.



An April 3 post read: "Please message me on telegram or whatsapp to help give aid to those in need. +90 537 822 0931."



On April 5, the channel posted a photo of someone holding two \$50 bills and a piece of paper that read: "Merciful Hand with Abu Ahmed Foundation." Text accompanying the image read: "Merciful hands, Abu Ahmad foundation. And your support jazakallah khair [may Allah reward you]." The Abu Ahmed Foundation is an Indonesian fundraising group that raises money to buy materials for jihadis using Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram, and Telegram.<sup>178</sup>



On April 6, the channel posted a photo of a person holding two \$20 bills kneeling in front of a box that read: "Merciful Hand with Abu Ahmed Foundation." Text accompanying the photo read: "Our new logo, The merciful hands and the Abu Ahmad Foundation. Alhamdiallah another family we were able to help today."



The same day, the channel wrote: "The Merciful Hands, our charity which is bringing aid to the brothers on the fronts and now we are working in conjunction with The Abu Ahmad Foundation to bring aid to people of syria."



Also on April 6, the channel wrote: "A brother recently married decided its time to ribaat [guard duty] and they told him if he does not have his own gear he is not allowed to come. so this is a plea to help this brother with then

equipment he needs so he can return. He was once in a jammah [congregation] they provided everything. Now the brother wants to return to the field but the jammah said there is no extra you must come equipped so the brother cried yesterday because all he has nothing to go to the battlefield with what they told him broke his heart... the brother needs a baruda, jaba boots and clothing... equipping a brother in the cause of Allah is like fighting yourself because you do not receive shaytan." The post included the same message in German.

**The Merciful Hands**  
 assalam alaikum wa rahmatulahi wa barakatuh

**Urgent 2nd appeal**

A brother recently married decided it's time to ribaat and they told him if he does not have his own gear he is not allowed to come.

so this is a plea to help this brother with the equipment he needs so he can return. He was once in a jammah they provided everything. Now the brother wants to return to the field but the jammah said there is no extra you must come equipped so the brother cried yesterday because all he has nothing to go to the battlefield with what they told him broke his heart.

May Allah accept from you to help equip this brother for the sake of Allah

allahumustan

the brother needs a baruda, jaba boots and clothing and money for his family as he is poor with no help from anywhere so we as muslim ummah muslim must wake up and help with whatever we have be it physically or with our wealth we need much to help this brother

equipping a brother in the cause of Allah is like fighting yourself because you do not receive shaytan.

lets help this brother as much as possible

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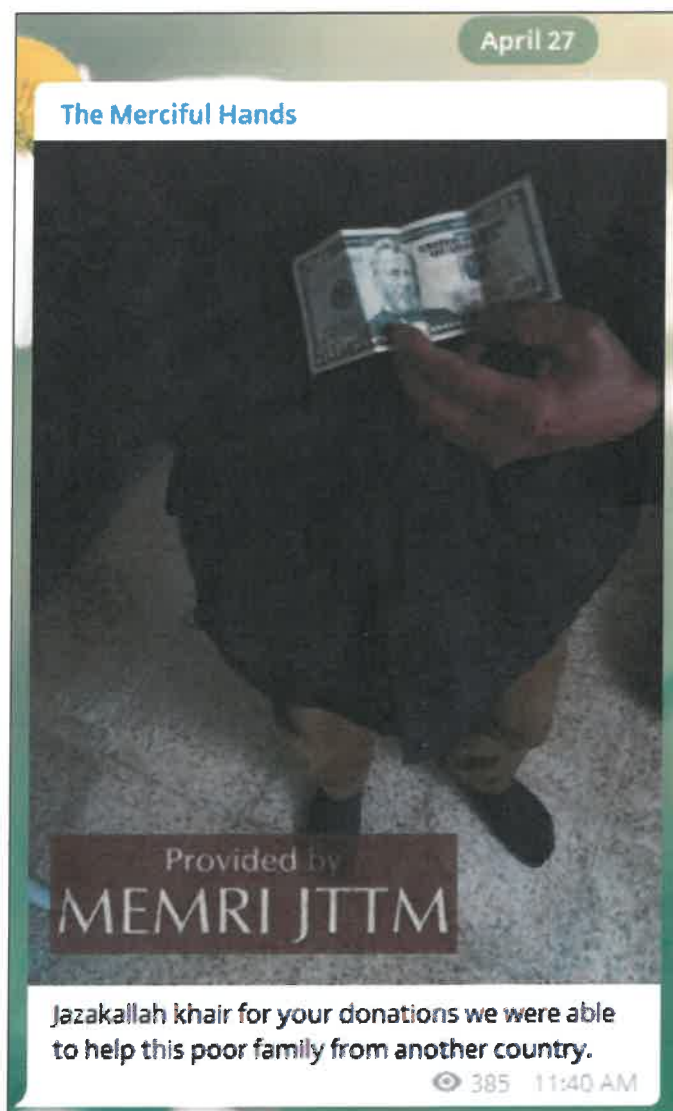
An April 9 post read: "We offer our channel in 4 different languages German, English, Turkish, Arabic."

**The Merciful Hands**  
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A post from April 27 showed a photo of a person holding a \$50 bill and read: "Jazakallah khair for your donations we were able to help this poor family from another country."



A May 6 post read: "We ran into this brother we know personally who works on the front line, but doesn't receive any payment, so he had no money and couldn't afford to buy some necessities [sic]. So we gave him some cash and bought his food for him and his family."

